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For: SPIRAL CONVEYOR APPARATUS )  
WITH AUTOMATIC FLOW CONTROL )

**FIRST INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

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Copies of the listed documents were previously submitted in one or more of prior Serial No. 10/100,183, filed on March 19, 2002; No. 09/775,666, filed on February 5, 2001, now U.S. Patent No. 6,398,014; Serial No. 09/586,975, filed June 5, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,199,677; Serial No. 09/274,314, filed March 23, 1999, now abandoned, and/or Serial No. 08/914,424, filed August 19, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,901,827, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed documents previously submitted and/or made of record are not included.

A copy of each of the following documents is enclosed:

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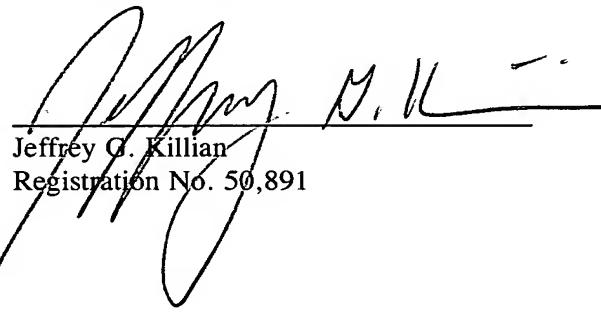
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